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D. TELECON CAMPBELL-TOTH (AFCE PROGRAM), 30 JUNE 75

SUMMARY. INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE 1 JULY 75 APPROVED WG 27 REPORT AND PROJECT LIST (REF A) FOR TRANSMITTAL TO DPC WHERE FINAL ACTION EXPECTED 23 JULY 75. RE PROPOSAL IN PARA 4 OF REF B, WE TEND TO SHAR
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CINCEUR VIEW IN REF C AND PREFER TO AVOID CHANGES TO REF A UNTIL WE HAVE DPC APPROVAL IN PRINCIPLE. END SUMMARY.

1. IN ITS MEETING OF 1 JULY 75 THE INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE APPROVED THE WG 27 SPECIAL PROGRAM REPORT AND PROJECT LIST AND AGREED TO SEND IT TO THE DPC WHERE FINAL ACTION IS EXPECTED ON 23 JULY 75.
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IN A CLIFF-HANGER, THE UK REPRESENTATIVE RECEIVED HIS AUTHORITY TO APPROVE REF A DURING THE MEETING, BUT LEFT THE FORMALITY OF UK CONFIRMATION ON SLICE XXVI-XXX COST SHARING TO HIS PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE.

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2. WE HAVE GIVEN CAREFUL CONSIDERATION TO PROBLEM OF PROJECT DUPLICATION REFLECTED IN SPECIAL PROGRAM SERIALS 4 AND 14 AS REPORTED REF B AND HAVE CONCLUDED THAT CHANGES TO THE PROJECT DESCRIPTIONS AT THIS CRITICAL STAGE COULD NOT ONLY CREATE CONFUSION, AS CINCEUR POINTS OUT IN REF C, BUT COULD DELAY FINAL APPROVAL. THE TENTATIVE AND INFORMAL UK REACTION (AT DELEGATION LEVEL) WAS THAT A PROPOSAL TO CHANGE MIGHT RETURN MOD LONDON TO ITS PREVIOUSLY NEGATIVE ATTITUDE
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PARTICULARLY WHEN IT INVOLVED A LARGE PROJECT IN THE UK. AS WE HAVE EMPHASIZED, MOST RECENTLY DURING REF D TELECON, THE PROGRAM IS OPEN-ENDED AND NECESSARY AND REASONABLE ADJUSTMENTS SUCH AS THE ONE PROPOSED IN REF B CAN BE MADE AT ANY TIME AFTER WE HAVE THE AGREED PROGRAM IN HAND. WE THEREFORE PREFER TO GO TO THE DPC WITH REF A AS IT STANDS. AS POINTED OUT IN PARA 3 OF REF C AN IMPORTANT CONTROLLING FACTOR WILL ALSO BE CINCEUR'S DECISION ON PRIORITIES FOR THE FIRST INCREMENT OF THE SPECIAL PROGRAM.

3. IN AGREEING REF A, THE INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE READILY ACCEPTED THE SEPARATION OF THE PROGRAM AS SUCH FROM THE PROCEDURAL ISSUES. ON THE BASIS OF GUIDANCE FROM A WG 27 SUB-GROUP THE NATO INTERNATIONAL STAFF WILL PROPOSE PROCEDURES AND GROUND RULES FOR CONSIDERATION BY WG 27, PROBABLY AFTER THE AUGUST BREAK. ONE OF THE BASIC QUESTIONS WILL BE WHETHER HOST COUNTRIES ARE TO TAKE RESPONSIBILITY FOR SPECIAL PROGRAM PROJECTS ESSENTIALLY AS THEY DO FOR NORMAL INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS. THE FRG REPRESENTATIVE HAS ALREADY INFORMALLY ADVISED US THAT GERMANY WILL WISH TO DO SO. THIS MAY IN FACE BE THE MOST PRACTICAL AND LOW-COST SOLUTION. STREATOR

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